

## Alabama SPAB Quarterly Meeting

November 2, 2022

### Members Present:

Seyram Selase (Chair), Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention  
Sylvia Walker, ADATC  
Melissa Homan, Northwest AL MHC  
Jana Kirkland, Mt. Lakes MHC  
Brandon Folks, ADMH  
Brenae' Waters, ADMH  
L'Tanya Green, ADATC  
Carie Wimberly, Addiction Prevention Coalition  
Julia Simhai, OMNI  
Rachel Lewis, OMNI  
Nicole Shine, PRIDE of Tuscaloosa  
Emi Brooks, East Alabama MHC  
Beverly Johnson, ADMH  
Tommy Wright, South Central MHC  
Satavia Mann, ADMH  
Danita Stapleton, Alabama State University  
Elana Meriweather (Co-Chair)  
Vandlyn Pierre, Drug Education Council  
Sam Griggs, CED MHC  
Candy Gaff, SpectraCare  
Gloria Howard, Aletheia House  
Deegan Malone, Healthy Sexual Solutions  
Shereda Finch, COSA  
Ashley Loftis, Addiction Prevention Coalition  
Lantana McKenley, AltaPointe  
Tommie Sanders, Wellstone

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The SPAB/AEOW Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Seyram Selase, Chair.

### II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Agenda – motioned by Gloria Howard  
Seconded by Vandlyn Pierre

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were sent out.

Minutes – motioned by Sam Griggs  
Seconded by Nicole Shine

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Updates from the Office of Prevention – Per Beverly Johnson

Introduced the new Epidemiologist, Brenae' Waters, that has previous Epidemiologist experience as the Alabama Department of Medicaid, along with the Alabama Department of Public Health

SOR 2.0 – No Cost Extension has been submitted.

SOR 3.0 – received a new five-year grant to sustain SOR services.

SPF Rx (2016) – recently closed out the grant.

SPF Rx 2.0 (2021) – received a new five-year grant to sustain SPF Rx services.

Overdose Data to Action cooperative agreement with AL Department of Public Health to provide services for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention grant.

PIPBHC – collaboration for services with AltaPointe Health

988 – crisis line for substance use, suicidal, mental health, emotional distress, etc. is operated by Wellstone Emergency Services (Region 1), Crisis Center Inc. (Region 2 & 3), and AltaPointe (Region 4). Carastar Health and SpectraCare Health Systems will be coming onboard this fiscal year.

2023 NPN Conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama in August 2023.

Office of Prevention Strategic Plan will be submitted to the SPAB for review and approval.

Julia Simhai reported the Statewide Young Adult survey closed at end of September and was successful.

Sam Griggs nominated Nicole Shine, seconded by Gloria Howard as the new SPAB Secretary.

New Business – There was discussion regarding the workforce recruitment and retention funding.

#### **V. PROVIDER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

ASAP collected almost 300 pounds of prescription drugs during the October National Drug Take Back. The Faith Based Support Specialist training held in Montgomery was successful. The ASAP Prevenger comic book will be available by contacting their agency.

**VI. ADJOURN MEETING:** Seyram concluded the meeting at 10:58 am.

**VII. NEXT MEETING:** February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am.